It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ that the proposed rule change SR-NASD-96-40 be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.6

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Aviation Proceedings; Agreements Filed During the Week Ending 12/13/96

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing. Docket Number: OST-96-2011.

Date filed: December 9, 1996. Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

COMP Telex Reso 024f Local Currency Fare Changes—Pakistan Intended effective date: December 16, 1996

Docket Number: OST-96-2017. Date filed: December 11, 1996. Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association. Subject:

TC31 Telex Mail Vote 845 Japan-North America/Caribbean PEX fares

Intended effective date: April 1, 1997 Myrna F. Adams,

Acting Chief, Documentary Services. [FR Doc. 96-32386 Filed 12-18-96; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4910-62-P

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed **Under Subpart Q During the Week** Ending December 13, 1996

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et. seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the

adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-96-2008. Date filed: December 9, 1996. Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: January 6, 1997.

Description: Application of China Southern Airlines Company Limited, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41301 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, requests a foreign air carrier permit to perform scheduled service from Guangzhou, China to Los Angeles, California.

Docket Number: OST-96-2013. Date filed: December 10, 1996. Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify

Scope: January 7, 1997.

Description: Application of Societe Caribeenne de Transport Aerien d/b/a Air St. Martin, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41302, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for a foreign air carrier permit authorizing it to engage in charter foreign air transportation of passengers and their property between points in the French West Indies and points in the United States. Air St. Martin also seeks authority to operate fifth freedom charters between the U.S. and third countries subject to Part 212 of the Department's Economic Regulations.

Myrna F. Adams, Acting Chief, Documentary Services. [FR Doc. 96-32385 Filed 12-19-96; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4910-62-P

Federal Aviation Administration

Draft Appendix for Emergency Flotation Systems to Advisory Circular 27-1, Certification of Normal Category Rotorcraft, and Advisory Circular 29-2A, Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration(FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of advisory circular (AC) draft appendix; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and request for comments on the draft appendix for Emergency Flotation Systems to AC 27–1, Certification of Normal Category Rotorcraft, and AC 29-2A, Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit Written comments to FAA, Rotorcraft Standards Staff,

ASW-110. Rotorcraft Directorate. Aircraft Certification Service, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Jones, Rotorcraft Standards Staff, ASW-110, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0110, telephone (817) 222-5359; facsimile (817) 222-5961.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the draft appendix have been mailed to all known affected industry and government entities, both foreign and domestic, Any interested person not receiving this draft appendix may obtain a copy by contacting the person named under the caption FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Interested person are invited to submit written comments on this draft appendix by January 15, 1997. Comments must identify Draft Appendix for Emergency Flotation Systems to ACs 27-1 and 29-2A. These comments will be discussed at public meeting on February 5, 1997, at the Anaheim Hilton and Towers, 777 Convention Way, Anaheim, California. Written comments received may be inspected at the office of the Rotorcraft Standards Staff, FAA, 4th floor, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas.

Issued in Forth Worth, Texas on December 11, 1996.

Eric Bries.

Acting Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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Receipt of Noise Compatibility **Program and Request for Meadows** Field, Bakersfield, CA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces that it is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program for Meadows Field, Bakersfield, California, that was submitted by Kern County, California under the provision of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96-193). (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and 14 CFR Part 150. This program was submitted subsequent to a determination by the FAA that the associated noise exposure maps submitted under 14 CFR Part 150 for Meadows Field were in compliance with applicable requirements effective April 14, 1995. The proposed noise

^{5 15} U.S.C. § 78s(b)(2).

^{6 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).